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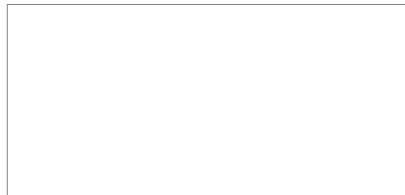
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Recipients of [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Egyptian Naval Forces

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Please substitute the following for the second sentence in paragraph 5:

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Table 1. Egyptian Naval Forces

Table 2. Deployment of Egyptian Naval Forces

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EGYPTIAN NAVAL FORCES

1. This report contains the disposition of Egyptian naval forces noted [redacted]
[redacted] The naval order-of-battle and totals, provided in
Tables 1 and 2, are composite data derived from photographic coverage [redacted]
[redacted] All naval vessels are included except miscellaneous auxiliaries and service craft.

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Egyptian Naval Forces

2. The Egyptian Navy has a diversified fleet which includes destroyers, submarines, subchasers, several types of patrol boats, minesweepers, and landing craft (Table 1). The Mediterranean Fleet contains nearly 80 percent of these vessels with the remainder in the Red Sea. The Navy consists of Soviet-made vessels with the exception of the old British HUNT-1 PF, BLACK SWAN PF, EMERGENCY DD and FAIRMILE PFs and the Egyptian-produced NISR PBs. OSA and KOMAR guided missile patrol boats, considered to be the most effective combatants, were Egypt's main naval participants in the October 1973 War with Israel.

Deployment of Naval Forces

3. Naval vessels are deployed to a number of different ports in both the Mediterranean and Red Seas, but two-thirds of the total are at Al Iskandariyah (Alexandria), the country's main port and naval headquarters (Table 2 and Figure 1). A majority of the combatants in the Red Sea are at Bur Safajah Port Facilities, the Red Sea headquarters.

4. Guided missile and fire support patrol boats, among Egypt's most capable naval vessels, are deployed to virtually every major port in the country. The fire support patrol boats (PTFS) are former SHERSHEN and P-6 torpedo boats which have had their torpedo tubes removed and BM-21 rocket launchers added.

5. Although the Red Sea Fleet has been small and insufficiently maintained in the past, the opening of the Suez Canal is helping to rectify this situation. Several Egyptian combatants have already transitted the canal, both strengthening the Red Sea Fleet and relieving some of the vessels which have been trapped there since 1967. The most significant additions have been two OSA PTFG and two SHERSHEN PTFS which have been deployed from Alexandria to Bur Safajah Port Facilities.

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MAPS OR CHARTS

USAF Jet Navigation charts JN-34 and JN-35 (1:2,000,000) unclassified

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<u>Destroyer/Patrol Escorts</u>		<u>Landing Craft</u>	
SKORYY DD	3	POLNOCNY LSM	3
HUNT-1 PF	1	VYDRA LFS ^o	10
BLACK SWAN PF	1	MP-SMB 1 LCU	1
<u>Submarines</u>		<u>RED SEA FLEET (21)</u>	
ROMEO SS	4	<u>Destroyers</u>	
WHISKEY SS	6	SKORYY DD	1
<u>Subchasers</u>		EMERGENCY DD	1
SO-1 PCS	12	<u>Submarines</u>	
<u>Guided Missile Patrol Boats</u>		ROMEO SS	2
OSA PTFG	6	<u>Guided Missile Patrol Boats</u>	
KOMAR PTG	2	OSA PTFG	2
<u>Fire Support Patrol Boats</u>		KOMAR PTG	2
SHERSHEN PTFS	2	<u>Fire Support Patrol Boats</u>	
P-6 PTFS	2	SHERSHEN PTFS	2
P-4 PTFS	2	P-6 PTFS	6
<u>Torpedo Patrol Boats</u>		<u>Minesweepers</u>	
SHERSHEN PTF	2	T-43 MSF	2
P-6 PT	7	<u>Landing Craft</u>	
<u>Patrol Boats</u>		MP-SMB 1 LCU	3
NISR PB	3		
FAIRMILE PB	4		
<u>Minesweepers</u>			
YURKA MSF	4		
T-43 MSF+	3		
T-301 MSM	2		

+ An additional T-43 deployed to Libya

^o Two of these based in Great Bitter Lake*DEPLOYMENT OF EGYPTIAN NAVAL FORCES***MEDITERRANEAN**

<u>As Sallum Port Facilities</u>	
None	
<u>Matruh Port Facilities</u>	
HUNT-1 PF	1
P-6 PT	2
<u>Al Iskandariyah NVB + Hq National</u>	
SKORYY DD	3
BLACK SWAN PF	1
ROMEO SS	4
WHISKEY SS	6
SO-1 PCS	12
OSA PTFG	4
KOMAR PTG	2
P-6 PTFS	2
P-4 PTFS	2
SHERSHEN PTF	2
P-6 PT	5
NISR PB	3
FAIRMILE PB	4
POLNOCNY LSM	3
VYDRA LFS	6
MP-SMB 1 LCU	1
YURKA MSF	4
T-43 MSF	3
T-301 MSM	1

Bur Said Naval Base

OSA PTFG	2
SHERSHEN PTFS	2
VYDRA LFS	2
T-301 MSM	1

Fanara Seaplane Station

VYDRA LFS	2
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RED SEA

<u>As Suways Port Facilities</u>	
None	
<u>As Suways Port Facilities Adabiyah</u>	
KOMAR PTG	1
P-6 PTFS	2
<u>Al Ghurdaqah Port Facilities</u>	
KOMAR PTG	1
P-6 PTFS	2
T-43 MSF	2
<u>Bur Safajah Port Facilities</u>	
SKORYY DD	1
EMERGENCY DD	1
ROMEO SS	2
OSA PTFG	2
SHERSHEN PTFS	2
P-6 PTFS	2
MP-SMB 1 LCU	2
<u>Mina Baranis Port Facilities</u>	
MP-SMB 1 LCU	1

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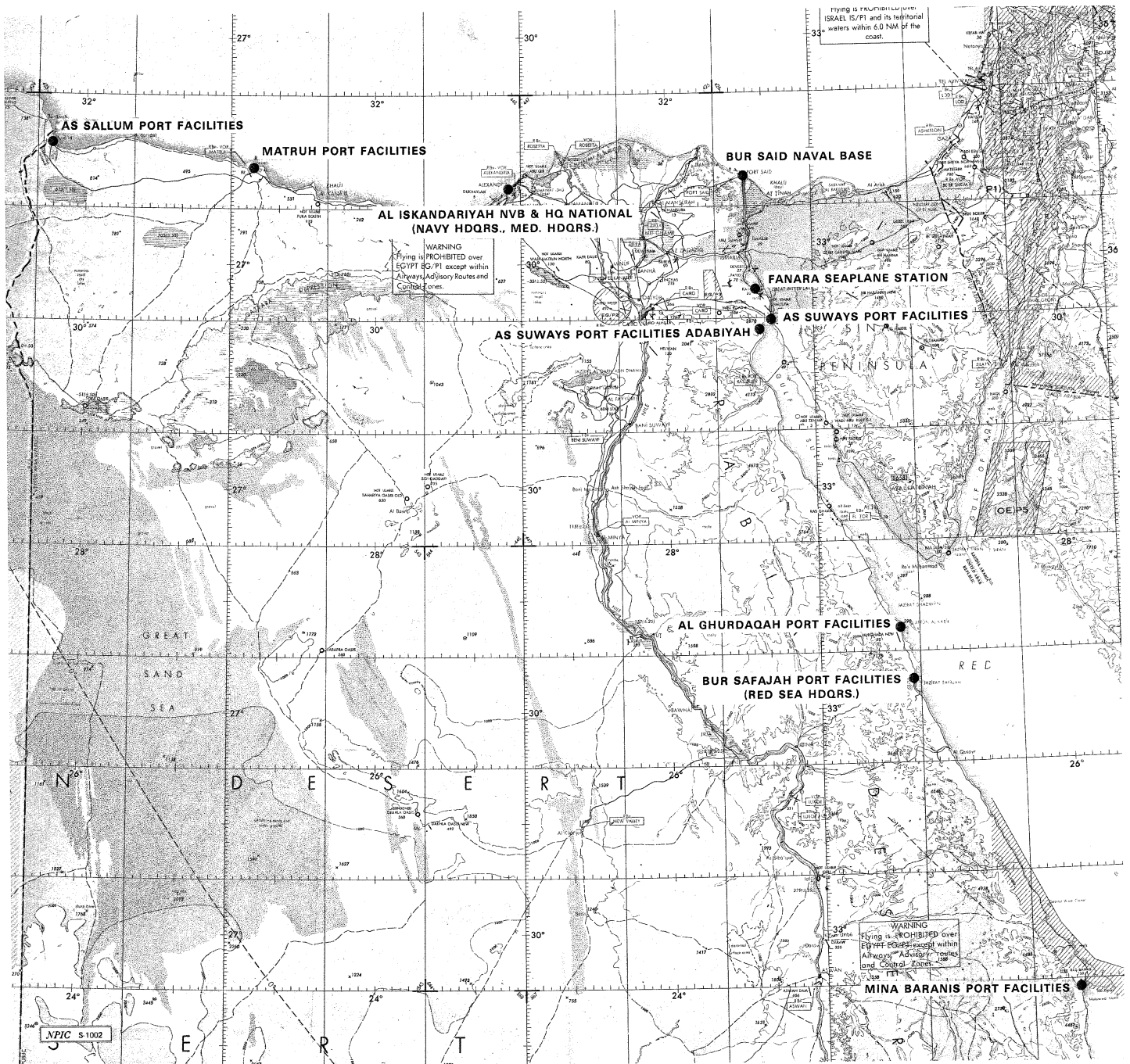


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF EGYPTIAN NAVAL PORTS

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